

# Some of the Changes I Recall from the

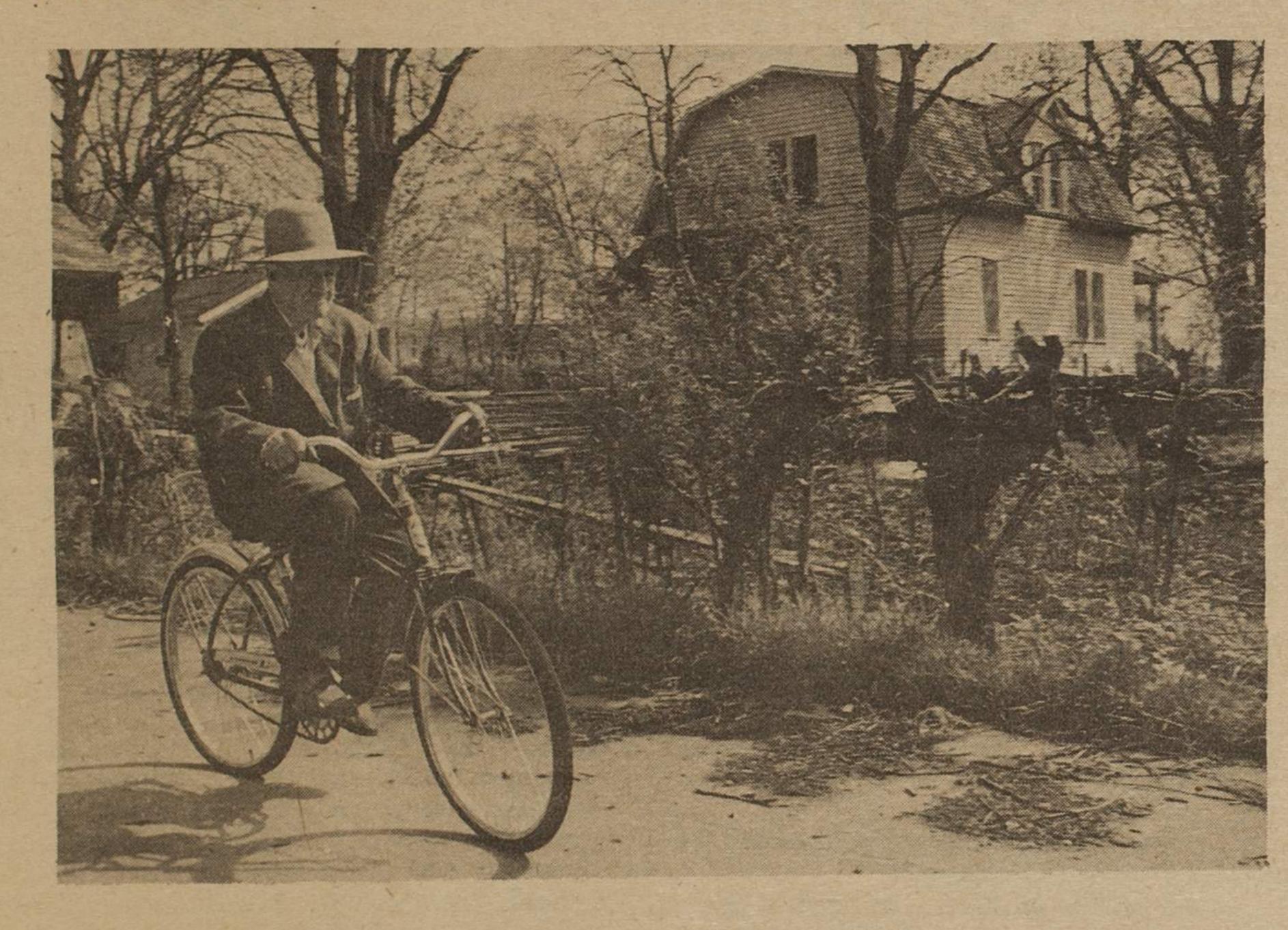
came to Lawrence January, 1910. Many things have changed since then. For one, there was no City Hospital. One of our leading Physicians and Surgeons, a Charles Simons ran a Private Hospital in the 800 block on Ohio St. for some time. Then, an educated registered nurse took it over for some years.

There were other doctors with Private Hospital service. A G.W. Jones had his Hospital service and also a Dr. McConnell had one at his home, 746 New Hampshire. Former Governor Stuffs, Who lived in a large house on about the location of our present Hospital, Moved into his new mansion, I believe on west 10th St.. He donated the house to the city for a Hospital and it was used as such.

Mrs. J.B. Watkins had the New Hospital built and gave it to the city along with a Nurses home. This was the beginning of our present Hospital.

I had an accident. While Working on a Large tree, I was knocked off a ladder and got hurt. I believe this was in February of 1948. I was taken to the hospital on a flat bed truck.

I was in the Hospital one day less than 8 weeks. I wore a cast for 10 weeks; My hospital and Dr. bill together was seven hundred Dollars. What Would 8 weeks in our present Hospital cost?



### Message From ECKAN

BY BARBARA WILLITS

ECKAN is making neighborhood residents aware of their many worthwhile programs.

A special summer program provides lawn care for the low-income elderly or disabled persons. The staff will mow lawns, pull weeds, and help with small brush. They cannot deal with large trees.

It's hard to worry about insulation and storm windows in August but now is the best time to apply at ECKAN. There is no waiting list for the winterization program. Attic insulation and up to ten storm windows are available to eligible residents. Cold weather will be here soon enough. Let's get ready!!

ECKAN also offers G.E.D. classes for a. high school diploma. These are free classes with private tutoring assistance. Don't be held back in your life by not having a diploma.



income kids, ages 8-13 to Worlds but will be late August. Lunch and transportation will be provided. This program is on a first come, first served basis, so contact ECKAN right away for application forms.

Call ECKAN at 841-3357 or drop by 1201 E. 13th to get more information about any of these programs. Diane, Mary, or Susie will help you.

Last, but not least, ECKAN will be sponsoring a trip for lowof Fun. The date is not exact

hen, there is the Welfare County Home, South at Wakarusa and Haskell road. I remember it was Managed by a Man, Cal Seizer. They raised stock cattle, hogs and chickens. They also had a garden and some fruit trees. This Man, with a minimum amount of help Made the home almost self-supporting, raising Meat and foods and selling a surplus, in no small amount.

I, having worked on the Home some, had a chance to know what was going on. Under this system, there was not Much chance of graft. Then, the County Drs. started using some of the county's medicines in their own practices. Soon afterwards, some fat hogs disappeared. The house caught fire and burned down causing some deaths. It was suspected as not being an accident. And seemingly enough, like many other things, events have gone from bad to worse.

"Compare the two times and What do you get? My guess is Graft.

### What happened to the Hobbs money Where is the East Lawrence Park?

BY KATE DUFFY, ELIA MEMBER After several months of discussion, the ELIA and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board approved using the Hobbs Bequest at 11th and Delaware. Last June, the plans were presented to the City Commission who deferred it to the Park and Recreation Staff.

So, here we are, still no closer to a nice park in our neighborhood. Mike Wildgen, the assistant city manager said that "they're in no hurry to spend the money and there probably won't be a vote on it during August."

Some people feel the city would like to use the money at the Far East Lawrence Center, 15th and Brook. A Far East Lawrence Improvement Association member told an ELIA executive board member that they had voted to send a letter to the city requesting the Hobbs funds be used at the new center.

So what can we do? Presently, a petition is going around East" Lawrence demanding that the Hobbs Money be used to renovate the 11th and Delaware park. Please sign and ask your friends to sign also. If you would like to pass one around yourself, please contact me. My work phone is 842-0440.

If you want more information abo about the Hobbs Bequest, read "Battle Brewing Over Park!", Public Notice, June 1978, p. 4

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